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AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE IN MINNESOTA CONTINUES TO DECLINE

Between 1980 and 1990, the number of households in Minnesota rose from 1,445,222 to 1,647,853, an increase of 14 percent. "This is substantially slower than the 25 percent increase in households observed during the 1970s," said State Planning Agency Commissioner Linda Kohl. "Both the aging of the 'baby boom' generation and the economic recession early in the decade may have slowed the rate of household formations." During the past decade, the number of households grew at almost twice the rate of the population. As a result, average household size declined from 2.74 persons per household in 1980 to 2.58 in 1990.

The most rapid household growth occurred in the counties surrounding the Twin Cities and St. Cloud. The number of households increased by over 50 percent in Dakota and Sherburne counties. The largest household losses were in counties along the western and southern borders of Minnesota. Thirty-four counties lost households between 1980 and 1990, a sharp contrast to the 1970s when every county added households.

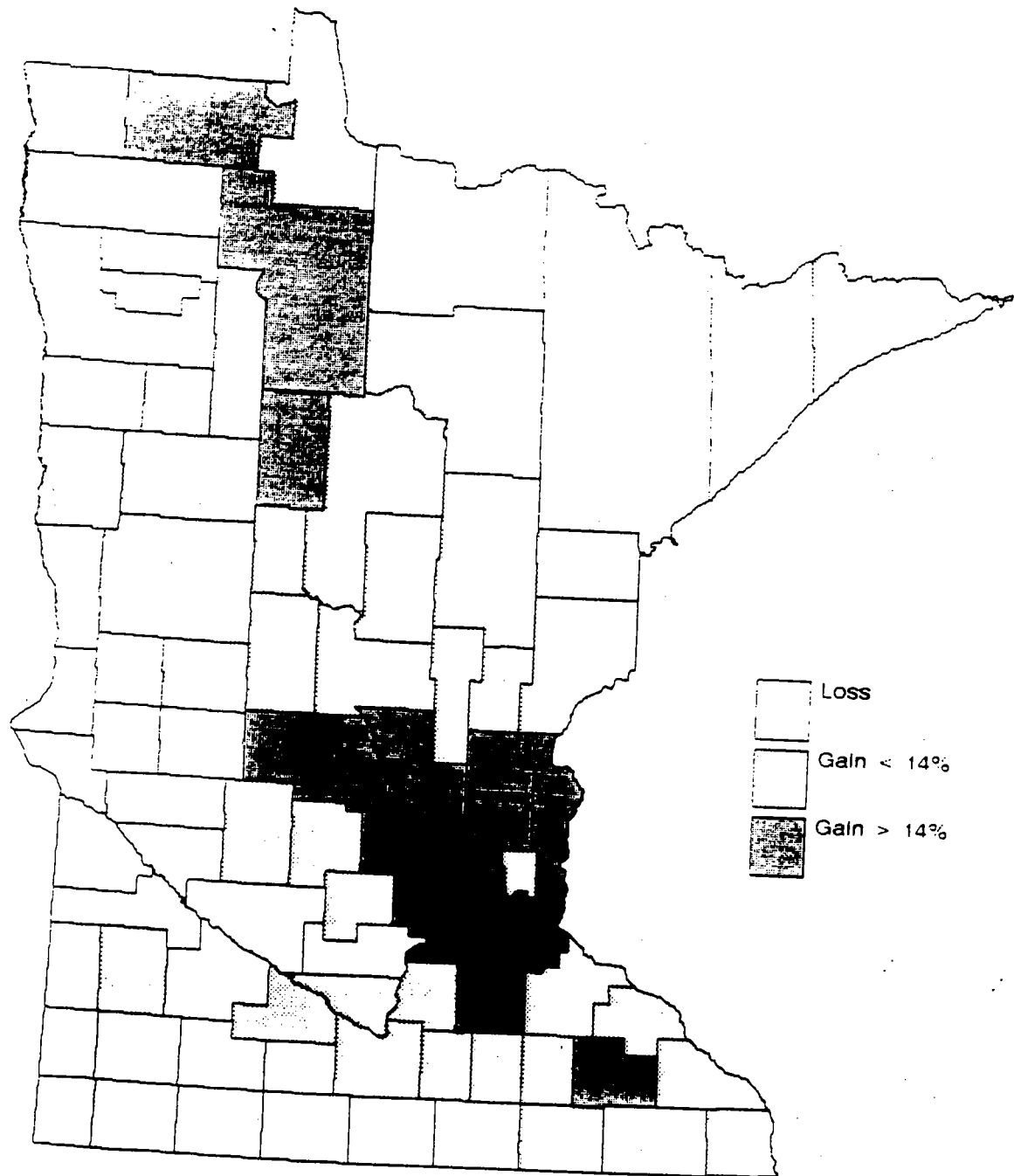
The number of households doubled in ten cities, all located within the Twin Cities Metropolitan Statistical Area. The cities of Eden Prairie, Albertville and Savage had increases of more than 160 percent. More than 44 percent of the 854 cities in Minnesota lost households between 1980 and 1990.

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HOUSEHOLD CHANGE: 1980 TO 1990

COUNTY	1990 HOUSEHOLDS	1980 HOUSEHOLDS	CHANGE	% CHANGE	1990 PERSONS PER HH
MINNESOTA	1,647,853	1,445,222	202,631	14.0	2.58
Aitkin County.....	5,126	5,007	119	2.4	2.39
Anoka County.....	82,437	60,716	21,721	35.8	2.93
Becker County.....	10,477	10,112	365	3.6	2.62
Beltrami County.....	11,870	10,023	1,847	18.4	2.74
Benton County.....	10,935	8,275	2,660	32.1	2.71
Big Stone County.....	2,463	2,873	-410	-14.3	2.43
Blue Earth County.....	19,277	18,011	1,266	7.0	2.59
Brown County.....	10,321	9,988	333	3.3	2.54
Carlton County.....	10,842	10,108	734	7.3	2.62
Carver County.....	16,601	12,011	4,590	38.2	2.84
Cass County.....	8,302	7,444	858	11.5	2.56
Chippewa County.....	5,245	5,583	-338	-6.1	2.48
Chisago County.....	10,551	8,347	2,204	26.4	2.84
Clay County.....	17,490	16,199	1,291	8.0	2.64
Clearwater County.....	3,064	2,980	84	2.8	2.65
Cook County.....	1,632	1,583	49	3.1	2.33
Cottonwood County.....	5,060	5,476	-416	-7.6	2.45
Crow Wing County.....	17,204	15,171	2,033	13.4	2.52
Dakota County.....	98,293	64,087	34,206	53.4	2.78
Dodge County.....	5,538	4,995	543	10.9	2.81
Douglas County.....	10,988	9,991	997	10.0	2.56
Faribault County.....	6,772	7,378	-606	-8.2	2.45
Fillmore County.....	7,822	7,828	-6	-0.1	2.59
Freeborn County.....	13,029	13,224	-195	-1.5	2.49
Goodhue County.....	15,198	13,628	1,570	11.5	2.60
Grant County.....	2,454	2,654	-200	-7.5	2.47
Hennepin County.....	419,060	365,536	53,524	14.6	2.41
Houston County.....	6,844	6,336	508	8.0	2.65
Hubbard County.....	5,781	5,027	754	15.0	2.55
Isanti County.....	8,810	7,503	1,307	17.4	2.86
Itasca County.....	15,461	14,970	491	3.3	2.60
Jackson County.....	4,560	4,988	-428	-8.6	2.51
Kanabec County.....	4,753	4,250	503	11.8	2.67
Kandiyohi County.....	14,298	12,871	1,427	11.1	2.64
Kittson County.....	2,274	2,485	-211	-8.5	2.46
Koochiching County.....	6,025	6,131	-106	-1.7	2.58
Lac qui Parle County.....	3,505	3,885	-380	-9.8	2.48
Lake County.....	4,242	4,578	-336	-7.3	2.42
Lake of the Woods County.....	1,576	1,389	187	13.5	2.55
Le Sueur County.....	8,468	8,033	435	5.4	2.71
Lincoln County.....	2,704	2,928	-224	-7.7	2.47
Lyon County.....	9,073	8,679	394	4.5	2.56
McLeod County.....	11,815	10,376	1,439	13.9	2.67

PERCENT CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLDS 1980 TO 1990



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